

HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Murfreesboro, Tenn., June 7, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 133.

I. At a General Court Martial which convened at Nashville, Tenn., on the 12th day of May, 1863, pursuant to General Orders, No. 2, from Headquarters United States Forces, at Nashville, Tenn., and of which Major CHARLES S. COWAN, 10th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Captain *William G. Ritchey*, company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry,
on the following charges and specifications :

CHARGE 1.

Neglect of Duty while on Guard.

Specification 1.—In this; that he, the said *William G. Ritchey*, Captain company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, did, on or about the eighteenth day of September, 1862, while on guard at the Railroad Depot in Nashville, Tenn., leave his Post and Guard, with the avowed purpose of visiting a house of ill-fame, and did remain absent during the night.

Specification 2.—In this; that he, the said *William G. Ritchey*, Captain company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, did, on or about the evening of the eighteenth day of September, 1862, quit his guard, while on duty at Railroad Depot in Nashville, Tenn., and did take off his sword and leave the same with his Sergeant, and did remain absent during the night.

Specification 3.—In this; that he, the said *William G. Ritchey*, Captain company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, did, on or about the twenty-seventh day of December, 1862, while on guard at the Work-house in Nashville, Tenn., leave his guard, and remain absent during the night.

CHARGE 2.

Disobedience of Orders.

Specification 1.—In this; that he, the said *William G. Ritchey*, Captain company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, did, on or about the eighteenth day of September, 1862, take off his sword and leave his guard, and remain absent all night. This at Nashville, Tenn.

Specification 2.—In this; that he, the said *William G. Ritchey*, Captain company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, did, on or about the night of the thirtieth of November, 1862, while on Grand Guard, take off his sword, leave his command, and remain absent all night. This at Stone's River, Tenn., in the face of the enemy.

CHARGE 3.

Neglect of Duty while on Grand Guard.

Specification.—In this; that he, the said *William G. Ritchey*, Captain company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, did, on or about the thirtieth day of November, 1862, take off his sword, leave it with his Guard, and did go to a house near by, and did remain absent from his Guard all night. This while on Grand Guard in the face of the enemy, at Stone's River, Tenn.

CHARGE 4.

Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline.

Specification.—In this; that he, the said *William G. Ritchey*, Captain company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, did, on or about the eighteenth day of September, 1862, take off his sword and avow his intention to go to a house of "ill fame," and after remaining absent during the night, did return to his Guard, and assert that he had "done it to a woman nine times that night, and that was more than any there could do," or words to that effect, and asked them why they had not gone and got some. This while on guard at the Railroad Depot, in Nashville, Tenn.

CHARGE 5.

Conduct Unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman.

Specification.—In this; that he, the said *William G. Ritchey*, Captain company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, did on or about the eighteenth day of September, 1862, while on duty with his men, tell them that he was going to a house of "ill fame to spend the night," and after his return in the morning, did tell his men, that he had done it to a woman nine times that night, (or words to that effect.) and asked them why they did not go and get some. This at the Railroad Depot at Nashville, Tenn.

CHARGE 6.

Incompetency.

Specification.—In this; that he, the said *William G. Ritchey*, Captain company G, 16th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, who has served thirteen months as 1st Lieutenant of said company G. and since as Captain, has during two years service proved himself entirely incompetent to fill any position as a commissioned officer. being utterly incapable of commanding, drilling, or disciplining his company, and having deservedly lost the respect of all his men, has thereby proven himself incompetent.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded as follows:

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| To the 1st <i>Specification</i> , 1st charge, | "Guilty." |
| To the 2d <i>Specification</i> , 1st charge, | "Not Guilty." |
| To the 3d <i>Specification</i> , 1st charge, | "Not Guilty." |
| To the 1st CHARGE, | "Guilty." |

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| To the 1st <i>Specification</i> , 2d charge, | "Guilty." |
| To the 2d <i>Specification</i> , 2d charge, | "Not Guilty." |
| To the 2d CHARGE, | "Not Guilty." |
| To <i>Specification</i> , 3d charge, | "Not Guilty." |
| To the 3d CHARGE, | "Not Guilty." |
| To the <i>Specification</i> , 4th charge, | "Guilty." |
| To the 4th CHARGE, | "Guilty." |
| To the <i>Specification</i> , 5th charge, | "Guilty." |
| To the 5th CHARGE, | "Guilty." |
| To the <i>Specification</i> , 6th charge, | "Not Guilty." |
| To the 6th CHARGE, | "Not Guilty." |

FINDINGS OF THE COURT.

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| Of the 1st <i>Specification</i> of 1st charge. | "Guilty." |
| Of the 2d <i>Specification</i> of the 1st charge, | "Guilty." ex- |
| cepting the words "and leave the same with his Sergeant" | |
| Of the 3d <i>Specification</i> , 1st charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 1st CHARGE, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 1st <i>Specification</i> , 2d charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 2d <i>Specification</i> , 2d charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 2d CHARGE, | "Guilty." |
| Of the <i>Specification</i> , 3d charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 3d CHARGE, | "Guilty." |
| Of the <i>Specification</i> , 4th charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 4th CHARGE, | "Guilty." |
| Of the <i>Specification</i> , 5th charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 5th CHARGE, | "Guilty." |
| Of the <i>Specification</i> , 6th charge, | "Not Guilty." |
| Of the 6th CHARGE, | "Not Guilty." |

SENTENCE.

The Court do therefore sentence him, the said Captain William G. Ritchey, Sixteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, to be dishonorably dismissed the service of the United States, and that he be deprived of all pay and allowances due him.

II. The General Commanding confirms the sentence of the Court, and Captain William G. Ritchey ceases to be an officer in the military service of the United States from this date.

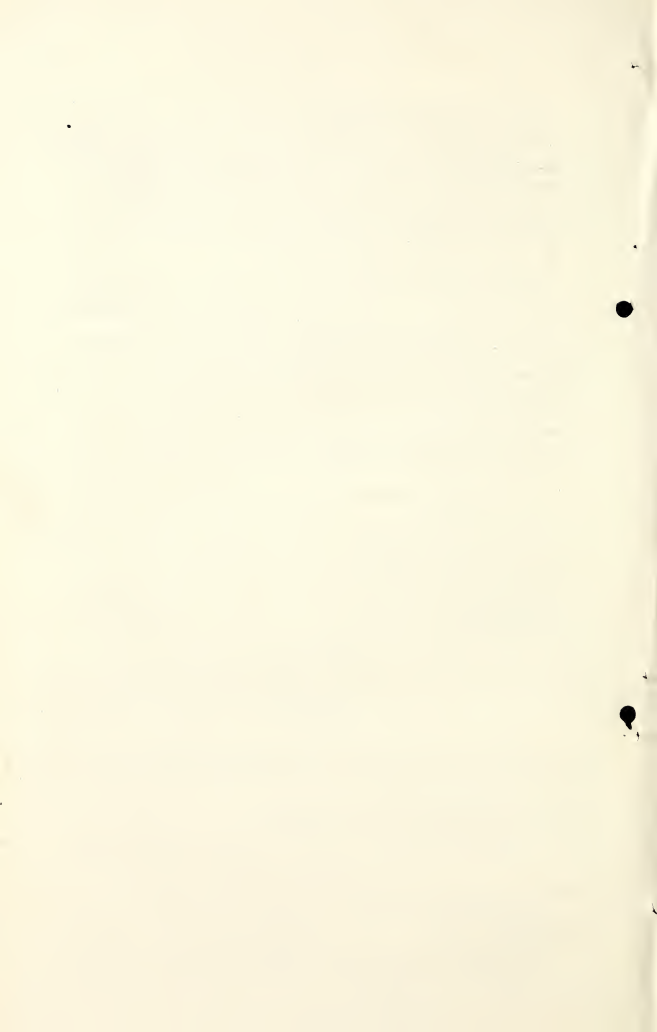
BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ROSECRANS.

C. GODDARD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:



Assistant Adjutant General.



HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Murfreesboro', Tenn., June 6, 1863.

GENERAL ORDER, }

No. 134. }

I. At a General Court Martial which convened at Carthage, Tennessee, on the 11th day of May, 1863, pursuant to General Order, No. 32, (dated Headquarters, Crook's Division, Camp near Carthage, Tennessee, May 10th, 1863,) and of which Brigadier General JAMES G. SPEARS, Commanding 1st Brigade, Crook's Division, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Colonel *Joseph D. Hatfield*, 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on the following charges and specifications :

CHARGE 1.

Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Military Discipline.

Specification 1.—In this; that the said *Joseph D. Hatfield*, Colonel 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, did, in the presence of officers and men, after listening to the reading of Major General Rosecrans's letter of congratulation to the Legislature of Ohio, where language similar to this occurred: "This war is prosecuted to sustain law, good order, our sacred rights," etc., etc., contemptuously make use of the following language, "I will give Rosecrans the handsomest present he ever had in his life, if he will make me believe any such stuff," or words to that effect. This done at camp near Nashville, Tenn., on or about the 15th day of February, 1863.

Specification 2.—In this; that the said *Joseph D. Hatfield*, Colonel 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, did, in the presence of company officers and men, use the following language disrespectful of the President of the United States, "Abe Lincoln's Nigger Proclamation will damn him to eternity; future generations will rise up and curse him; this war is carried on for the benefit of the nigger, and nothing else, and will never be stopped until that question is dropped," or words to that effect. This done at Nashville, Tenn., on or about the 15th day of February, 1863.

CHARGE 2.

Conduct Calculated to Produce Mutiny.

Specification 1.—In this; that the said *Joseph D. Hatfield*, Colonel 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, when ordered by Colonel Wm. A. Warner, Commanding 2d Brigade, Crook's Division, to make or cause to be made, a number of rails, did make use of the following language, "I propose to make no rails, and will be arrested, court-martialed, and dismissed from the service before I will give such an order to my regiment," or words to that effect. This done at camp near Carthage, Tenn., on or about the 20th day of April, 1863.

Specification 2.—In this: that the said *Joseph D. Hatfield*, Colonel 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, did, when the said order was given the second time, go to each company commander's quarters, before dress parade, and give notice for each officer to remain on parade ground after parade was dismissed. He then told the officers that the order for making rails had come again, and that they could do as they pleased about it; that he had said, he never would issue such an order, and that he never intended to do so; but that his refusal would place him immediately under arrest. If the officers chose to order out their companies to make the rails, they could do so, they could do just as they pleased about making the rails, that he would never order them made. This done near Carthage, Tenn., on or about the 2d day of May, 1863.

CHARGE 3.

Speaking Disrespectfully of his Superior Officer

Specification.—In this; that the said *Joseph D. Hatfield*, Colonel 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, when an officer was detailed from the 36th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, to drill the officers of the 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, did use of the following language: * * * *

(The language which here follows is too obscene for publication.)

* * * * *
This done in camp near Carthage, Tenn., on or about the 22d day of April, 1863.

CHARGE 4.

Protecting the Utterance of Treasonable Sentiments.

Specification.—In this; that the said *Joseph D. Hatfield*, Colonel 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, when Clark Hatfield, a citizen of Ohio, was on a visit to the 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and made use of the following language, "Vallandigham's arrest was a political move; he was arrested because he is a Democrat; it is not treason for a man to express his sentiments; by God, I'll express my sentiments every and any where. The d——n nigger is at the bottom of the whole affair." And when exceptions were taken by Lieutenant Granville Jackson, did order him, the said Lieutenant Granville Jackson, to shut his mouth, and never open it again on such a subject, thereby protecting the said Clark Hatfield in his treasonable utterance. This done at camp of the 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on or about the 9th day of May, 1863.

CHARGE 5.

Incompetency.

Specification.—In this; that the said *Joseph D. Hatfield*, Colonel 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, is wholly incompetent to command a regiment of men; is tyrannical, abusive, and unjust, and does not possess the necessary qualifications to enforce discipline, and that the good of the service and the welfare of the 89th Regiment

Ohio Volunteer Infantry would be advanced by his being relieved from command.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded as follows:

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| To the 2d <i>Specification</i> , 1st charge, | "Not Guilty." |
| To the 1st <i>CHARGE</i> , | "Not Guilty." |
| To the 1st <i>Specification</i> , 2d charge, | "Not Guilty." |
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| To the <i>Specification</i> , 5th charge, | "Not Guilty." |
| To the 5th <i>CHARGE</i> , | "Not Guilty." |

FINDINGS OF THE COURT.

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| Of the 1st <i>Specification</i> , 1st charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 2d <i>Specification</i> , 1st charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 1st <i>CHARGE</i> , | "Guilty." |
| Of the 1st <i>Specification</i> , 2d charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 2d <i>Specification</i> , 2d charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 2d <i>CHARGE</i> , | "Guilty." |
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| Of the 3d <i>CHARGE</i> , | "Guilty." |
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| Of the 4th <i>CHARGE</i> , | "Not Guilty." |
| Of the <i>Specification</i> , 5th charge, | "Guilty." |
| Of the 5th <i>CHARGE</i> , | "Guilty." of |

all except the words "is tyrannical, abusive, and unjust."

SENTENCE.

And the Court do therefore sentence the said Colonel *Joseph D. Hatfield*, of the 89th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, to be dismissed the service of the United States.

II. The findings and sentence of the Court are approved, and Colonel Hatfield ceases to be an officer in the military service of the United States from this date.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ROSECRANS.

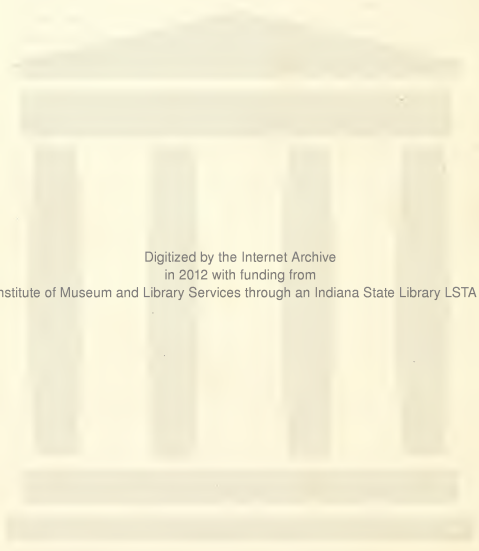
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GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 135. }

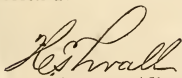
I. The proceedings of the Courts Martial in the cases of Private *Milton Armstrong*, Co. C, 68th Indiana Vols., and Private *Frank Kelly*, of C company, 3d Battalion 18th U. S Infantry, having been published in General Orders of the War Department, Nos. 127 and 132, current series, respectively, and the sentences "to be shot to death," having been commuted, by the President, to "imprisonment in some military prison for three months, from the 11th day of May, 1863," the prisoners will be delivered to the Provost Marshal General of the Department, who will send them under guard to the military prison at Jeffersonville, Indiana, which is designated as the place of confinement.

II. The Maps which are issued from the Topographical office at these Head-Quarters to the various commanding officers in this Army, and the files of General Orders from the War Department and Department Head-Quarters, must not be considered as the personal property of the officers to whom they are issued, they belong to the command, and must be left at its Head-Quarters without reference to changes of commanding officers.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ROSECRAINS:

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